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FOR: MODIFIED FORMS OF HEPATITIS C NS3 PROTEASE FOR  
FACILITATING INHIBITOR SCREENING AND STRUCTURAL  
STUDIES OF PROTEASE-INHIBITOR COMPLEXES

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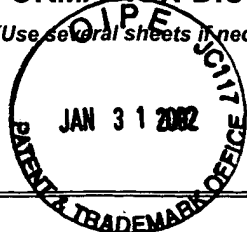
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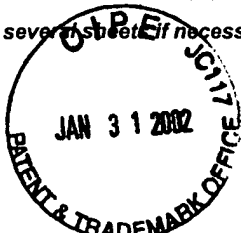
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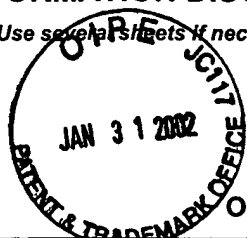
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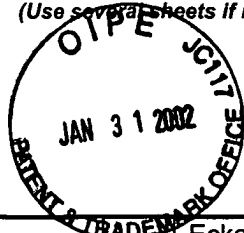
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